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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (b) is the patent application of:

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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A MICRO
SAMPLE

Enclosed are:

1. Declaration/Power of Attorney (5 pages);
2. Associate Power of Attorney;
3. 62 sheets of specification, 8 sheets of claims, 1 sheet of abstract;
4. 21 sheets of drawings;
5. Charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 in the amount of \$1,030.00 representing the fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16(a), (b) and (c).
6. Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449;
7. Assignment from the Inventors to Hitachi, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan, with assignment recordation form cover sheet charging Deposit Account for \$40.00;
8. Priority for Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-049303 filed 23 February 2001 is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119. A certified copy of said application will follow.

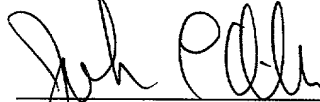
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